

# Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam? *N/O*

*No*

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ... *Several years ago, my family, noted that I was not hearing well that I should, not understand some things. I had a hearing test by medical ear. That test proved I needed help. So - - - I had them make me a hearing aid at the cost of almost \$800.00 due and payable in 2 payments 1/2 at testing time and 1/2 at delivery time. (over phrase)*

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

*NO. — NO — NO!*

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

*Yes, By All means, It's the only way to go. The expense and service are excellent!*

Signed by:

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After ABOUT 1½-2 years it stopped working!  
Why? "The microphone was out of order!"

What now? - I can it be fixed? - A BLANK  
look in my Direction - A LONG wait for my  
question to be answered -

The Answer "I must send the Aid to their  
Factory!" - (not them but me)

They then did another hearing test and said  
I needed their "improved" model and it  
cost was \$1,000.00

After 6 or 7 months he + Bethel the factory  
sent my original Aid back <sup>NOT</sup> to me. - But  
to their office - and another sales pitch  
to which I picked up my package and  
left - NEVER to return. The Aid worked

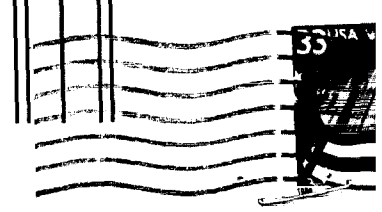
for about another year. + many breakers!  
EXCEL HEARING SOLUTIONS SOLVED ALL  
my problems - I could order by  
mail with NO pressure pushing. Thank God!

The medical profession - expects each  
patient to pay their full cost of their  
education. - And by the way I've  
seen some real DUMMIES.

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